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mailed May 17, 2004 (copy enclosed), applicant as a large entity submits herewith the following:

- ☒ Payment of the surcharge of \$130 for late filing of the basic filing fee and/or  
declaration;
- ☒ Payment of the \$980 fee required under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for a three month  
extension of time;
- ☒ A Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney in compliance with 37 CFR  
§1.63;

**PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action  
dated May 17, 2004, be extended for three months to and including October 17, 2004. Enclosed  
is a check for \$980 for the required fee.

It is understood that this perfects the application and no additional papers or filing fees are  
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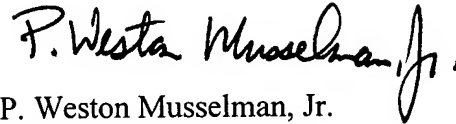
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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity

- \$130 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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